



## SPRING GROVE CEMETERY TRUSTEES MINUTES May 13, 2014

Present: Jack Bigelow, William Canane, Richard Amsterdam, Sandra Dearborn  
Also present: Paul Sanborn, Superintendent of Parks & Grounds, Forestry

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM

### Summary of the site walk at Spring Grove Cemetery:

- Lawn areas: The grass experienced a higher amount of brown out due to the harsh winter conditions this year. The lawn areas are expected to improve over the next couple of weeks as temperatures warm.
- Winter Moth: Signs of leaf damage attributed to the Winter Moth are being seen already in areas of the cemetery. In addition, the trees budding out about two weeks later due to the harsh winter conditions.
- Contracted Area: Paul Sanborn told the Trustees that the contractor has been in several times this season to pick up branches and other debris in the contracted area of the cemetery. The Trustees saw some improvement in that section compared with last fall.
- Dog Signs: In response to the Trustees requests, and facilitated by Paul Sanborn, the DPW has posted signs reminding cemetery visitors to leash and pick up after their dogs.
- Railroad Bed: There was discussion about how best to address the water that collects in the former railroad bed that runs through part of the cemetery.
- Searchable Graves: The Trustees agree that a kiosk for the purpose of searching graves may not be feasible, but are receptive to the idea of accessing a public-facing cemetery GIS database through smart phones once the public-facing site is up and running. The P&F division of Municipal Services is continuing work toward getting a public-facing site operational.
- Cemetery Maps: The brochures that are stocked in the brochure box at the cemetery seem to be emptying quite quickly. In an effort to reduce the number of brochures that may be taken strictly out of need for a map, the brochure box will now be stocked with both brochures and full 8.5"x11" maps.
- Cemetery Regulations sign near main entrance: The sign near the main entrance of the cemetery is showing many signs of wear and weather damage. Water seems to have penetrated the sign causing the exterior to lift and separate from the base. Replacing the sign will need to be considered at a future Trustees meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the conference room at P&F.